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1. The runway of Riga/Spilve airfield is oriented in a north-south direction and is parallel to and about 150 meters distant from Daugavgrivas iela, which runs along the east side of the airfield. At this point, the street has been moved from its old site about 100 meters closer to the Daugava River. The runway is paved and is about 40 to 50 meters wide. After about 1.8 kilometers, the runway turns in a wide angle (azimuth 280 degrees) and its width is reduced to about one-half. This narrow runway goes all the way around the airfield to the west side and then back to the air terminal. 50X1-HUM
2. The new civil airport terminal is located at the southern end of the airfield, a little to the west of the old terminal which burned down. On the west side of the airfield, at about the center, there is a repair shop for jet engines. This shop and the civil terminal building are the only buildings on the airfield. There are no hangars. 50X1-HUM
3. There are usually about five to ten twin-engined passenger airplanes located near the civil air terminal, and about 8 to 12 old biplanes on the east side of the airfield near Daugavgrivas iela. North of the repair shop, five 50X1-HUM to seven biplanes of the same type, and directly behind them four to eight single-engined jet fighters with a high rudder (or tail) and swept-back wings. 50X1-HUM

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